GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3612
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
REVENUE EARNED BY RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the earnings of railways fell short by several crores as compared to the target fixed in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the railways to make up the shortfall;

(d) whether rampant corruption in the railways is attributed to be the reason for this shortfall;

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons for it`s short fall.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (f) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3612 BY ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.8.2001 REGARDING REVENUE EARNED BY RAILWAYS.

(a) and (b) Details of Revenue earned by Indian Railways zone-wise visa vis the Revised Budget estimates for 2000-2001 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Railway	Revised	Actuals	Variation
Central	5820.00	5737.15	-82.85
Eastern	3855.00	3793.43	-61.57
Northern	6391.00	6301.56	-89.44
North Eastern	1182.00	1164.14	-17.86
NortheastFrointer	728.00	767.90	39.90
Southern	2619.00	2600.25	-18.75
South Central	3592.00	3625.03	33.03
South Eastern	6482.00	6561.94	79.94
Western	4814.00	4701.80	-112.20
Total	35483.00	35253.20	-229.80

(c) The following are some of the important steps taken to increase earnings:-

i) Volume discount Scheme extended for the year 2001-02.
ii) Conditions for grant of `Station-to Station` rates liberalized.
iii) A scheme of reduced Lump-sum rate for traffic moving on Merry-go-round (MGR) concept basis introduced to attract traffic of very short lead.
iv) Monitoring the loading of high profit yielding commodities.
v) Tapping non-traditional sources of revenues such as utilisation of right of way for laying of optic fibre cable, commercial utilisation of land and air

space, advertising rights at stations and on rolling stock etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The main reasons for shortfall in Goods Earning is on account of slack demand in major commodities such as coal, iron and steel, fertilizer etc.

The shortfall in sundry earnings is due to non-materialisation of utilisation of Right of Way for laying optic Fibre Cables, Commercial utilisation of Land and commercial publicity to the expected level.